

Edward W. Clyde

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In an arid, desert state like Utah, hard-to-find water supplies are the lifeblood of civilization. And few men deserve more credit for promoting water resources along the bustling Wasatch Front than Edward W. Clyde, who died this week at age 73.

The existence of the Central Utah Project, the five-state Upper Colorado River Compact on how to divide Colorado River water, and the creation of the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District are, at least in part, the results of his expert work.

Clyde had a calm, reserved, soft-spoken demeanor, but it was merely the outer shell for an incisive, brilliant mind. When he talked about complex and difficult issues, he had a way of thrusting right to the heart of the matter.

That talent made him a prominent Salt Lake attorney, the founder of the law firm of Clyde, Pratt and Snow; a law professor at the University of Utah; the effective chairman of the U. Institutional Council for 12 years; and a national water authority hon-

ored by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

He served as general counsel to the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, which owns the CUP. He represented Utah in negotiations for the Upper Colorado River Compact, which divided the river waters among Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. He was the first attorney for the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District. And he argued CUP matters in Congress.

Among his many recognitions was being named Lawyer of the Year by the Utah State Bar in 1985. He had already often held that honor unofficially in the eyes of many of his peers. In addition, he was a devoted family man, a Sunday School teacher, and an indulgent grandfather and great-grandfather.

Utahns owe him a great debt for his expertise and tireless work. With the next drink of cool water on a hot summer day, let's pause to remember Edward W. Clyde as one of the men who devoted his professional life to making sure there would be enough of it delivered where it was needed.

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Edward Wilbur Clyde, 73, died of cancer at his home in Salt Lake City on July 17, 1991.

He was born November 23, 1917, in Heber City, Utah, to L. Dean and Ardell Buhler Clyde. He spent his early years in the Heber Valley working in his family's ranching business. Married Belma (Betty) Jensen on August 14, 1941 in the Logan, Utah LDS Temple.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Carolyn (Mrs. Richard M.) Mollinet, Salt Lake City; Susan (Mrs. H. Mifflin) Williams, Bountiful; sons, Steven E. Clyde, Salt Lake City; and Thomas E. Clyde, Woodland, Utah; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters, Glenna McBride, Salt Lake City; Barbara Allred, Heber City; and Ardean Anderson, Woodland; and a brother, Russell Kay Clyde, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Preceded in death by his brother Roy Clyde; and a sister, Shirley MacNaughton.

He graduated from BYU in 1939 with a degree in Speech and Economics, and from the University of Utah College of Law in 1942, and was actively practicing law at the time of his death. He was a founder of the law firm of Clyde, Pratt & Snow in Salt Lake. He had a nationally prominent legal career, particularly in the field of natural resources and environmental law. He represented the State of Utah in the negotiations of the Upper Colorado River Compact, and was the attorney for the State Engineer for several years. He served on the Utah Land Board and Utah Board of Oil Gas & Mining, was Chairman of the Utah Constitutional Revision Commission, and was a special consultant to the National Water Commission and National Advisory Council on Public Lands. He published extensively in legal journals on natural resource law and policy issues. He served as attorney for Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, in addition to his legal co-



reer, he had a life-long association with the University of Utah, serving first as a faculty member in the College of Law, and later on with the governing board of the University from 1964 through 1981. For twelve years, he was Chairman of the Institutional Council and oversaw much of the growth of the University. He was serving on the board of the University Hospital at the time of his death. He had been active in state politics all his life, and once served as Chairman of the State Democratic Convention. He received numerous awards from public and private organizations, including an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Utah in 1981; the "Lawyer of the Year" award from the Utah State Bar in 1985; and the "Citizen's Award" from the Department of Interior in 1988.

He was active in ranching for many years, and found great joy in the natural beauty of his ranch in Woodland and Utah generally. He spent many happy hours at the ranch with his family and friends. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and was devoted to his family. He and his wife enjoyed many years of traveling together. He was an Elder in the LDS Church, and had taught adult Sunday School classes for several years.

Funeral services Monday, July 22 at 12 noon, Edgehill Ward Chapel, 1750 South 1500 East, Salt Lake City. Friends may call Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 East 1300 South, and at the Ward on Monday, 11-11:45 a.m. Burial will be at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to either the E. W. Clyde Fellowship at the University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112; or the University of Utah College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84143. T 7/19 N3 7/20

Edward Clyde, attorney and water expert, dies

Edward W. Clyde, 73, prominent attorney, national water authority and former chairman of the University of Utah Institutional Council, died July 17, 1991, of cancer at his Salt Lake home.

In 1948 he founded and was still an active member of the law firm of Clyde, Pratt and Snow.

He was general counsel to the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, which is owner of the Central Utah Project (CUP), and had represented the state of Utah in negotiations on the Upper

Colorado River Compact, an agreement for allocating water between Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Among other things the CUP is constructing storage facilities for Utah's allocated share of the Colorado River. He had argued CUP matters in Congress and before many other bodies. He helped create the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District and was its first attorney.

He was born Nov. 23, 1917, in Heber City, and his family was in the livestock and ranching business. He was graduated from Brigham Young University in 1939 and the U. Law



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Mr. Clyde was a member of the Utah Constitutional Revision Commission, a body that worked to modernize Utah's Constitution. He taught at the U. College of Law and was chairman for 12 of his 17 years on the governing council at the U., where he received an honorary doctorate of law degree in 1981. In 1985 he was named Lawyer of the Year by the Utah State Bar and had been honored by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Utah Rural Water Users Association.

He was a Sunday School teacher at various times in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Funeral will be held at noon Monday in the Edgehill Ward, 1750 S. 1500 East. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 E. 1300 South, and one hour before services Monday at the church. Burial will be in Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.